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SUBJ: COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST PARTY PLENUMS

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1. SUMMARY. COMMUNIST PARTY (PCCH) PLENUM MET MARCH 29-30, CONSIDERED NEED TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC SITUATION AS MEANS TO ASSURE REELECTION OF A UP GOVT IN 19 76. SOCIALIST (PS) PLENUM MET BEHIND CLOSED DOORS MARCH 28-31, REASSIGNED SOME KEY PARTY FUNCTIONS TO ALLENDE SUPPORTERS INCLUDING CLODOMIRO ALMEYDA. AMB LETELIER TOLD AMBASSADOR ALMEYDA WOULD SOON BE LEAVING FOREIGN MINISTRY. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR EVENT OF MARCH 28 PCCH OPENING SESSION WAS LENGTHY REPORT OF PARTY SEC GEN LUIS CORVALAN. STRESSING NEED FOR CO-ORDINATED GOVT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES AND ENDORSING ALLENDE' S CALL FOR STRONGER LEADERSHIP OF UP, CORVALAN CALLED FOR SHARPLY INCREASED PRODUCTION, BETTER ECONOMIC PLANNING, AND FULL UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES, AND SEVERE PENALTIES FOR BLACK MARKETEERS. CORVALAN WARNED THAT " REACTIONARIES" WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE GOVT, THEN ACCUSED MIR OF SEEKING TO DIVIDE UP BY ORGANIZING " REVOLUTIONARY" NUCLEUS OUTSIDE UP, A PLAN WHICH WAS " STILLBORN". ARGUING THAT UP CAN
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GOVERN WITHOUT ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF EITHER VOTERS OR LEGISLATORS,
HE STRESSED THAT UP MUST BE COHESIENT AND
FUTURE ASSOCIATES WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS.

3. THE UK'S OVERRIDING OBJECTIVE AT THIS STAGE IN THE
PREPARATIONS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS IS TO ENSURE THAT
ALL THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLES ARE PRESENT AT THE
TABLE NEXT SUMMER WHEN THE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN. THE
BRITISH CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST,
FOR BROAD POLITICAL REASONS, THEY DO NOT WANT AFRICA TO
BE DIVIDED INTO TWO HOSTILE BLOCS - ONE TIED TO THE EC
AND THE OTHER NOT. SECOND, THE UK WOULD HAVE TO CARRY
THE ENTIRE AID BURDEN FOR ANY GROUP OF NON- ASSOCIATED
ANGLOPHONE COUNTRIES WHILE IT CONTRIBUTED ITS FULL
SHARE TO THE EC DEVELOPMENT FUND. (LING OF THE FCO'S
WEST AFRICAN INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH BELIEVE THEY
COULD LIVE WITH NIGERIAN NON- ASSOCIATION AS LONG AS
OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT FOLLOW THE NIGERIAN EXAMPLE.)

4. ONE BRITISH OFFICIAL COMPARED THE MONTHS AHEAD TO
A " MULTI- DIMENSIONAL GAME OF CHESS." ON ONE LEVEL THE
AFRICAN STATES WILL BE MANEUVERING FOR POSITION AND
TRYING TO WORK OUT A COMMON APPROACH. ON A SECOND LEVEL
THE EC MEMBER STATES WILL BE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS IN
AFRICA WHILE THEY TRY TO AGREE ON A MANDATE FOR THE
COMMISSION.

5. THE BRITISH AGREE THAT MOST OF THE AFRICAN STATES
ARE NO LONGER WILLING TO ACCEPT REVERSE PREFERENCES,
AND THEY RECOGNIZE THAT SENGHOR SPEAKS MAINLY FOR
HIMSELF ON THIS ISSUE. THE BRITISH ALSO CONSIDER THAT
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THE FRENCH ARE BEGINNING TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPOSSIBILITY

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